

Please join us for the 3rd Annual Maternal Health Lecture Series in Honor of Beth Peterman

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5:30-6:30 p.m. Lecture, Foege Auditorium, Genome Sciences Building
6:30-7:30 p.m. Reception, Vista Café (directly upstairs)



**Fatima B. Muhammad, MA, Deputy Director
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North East Nigeria has one of the worst Maternal and Neonatal Health (MNH) indicators in Nigeria, with rates higher than the national maternal mortality average of 545 per 1000 births and 40 for neonatal mortality. For over twenty years, Fatima B. Muhammad has been passionate about women's health in Northern Nigeria and has worked as a midwife and midwife educator with the government in Northern Nigeria (specifically Kaduna State). In the past two years, Fatima served as the Project

Director for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Maternal and Neonatal Health project in Gombe State in North East Nigeria to address casual factors responsible for low health indexes.

Fatima also has over 9 years of experience working in the development field. She managed the USAID-supported contraceptive social marketing project – Improving Reproductive Health in Nigeria (IRHIN); she served as the Head of Family Planning (FP) division and currently provides support to SFH's award-winning Women's Health Project (WHP) social franchise scheme.

Fatima B. Muhammad is a member of the Federal Ministry of Health, Reproductive Health (RH) working group and is a Cycle Beads promoter in Nigeria. She has a Masters Degree in Applied Population Research from Exeter University in United Kingdom and has shared MNH knowledge in several speaking engagements such as: The International Conference on Family Planning in Uganda; International Confederation of Midwives, Durban SA; and The Reproductive Health Priorities Conference in Sun City, SA.

About Beth Peterman, MPH:



Beth joined the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in June 2001 with a background in community development and public health. During her time at the foundation, she worked on the Reproductive Health, Infectious Diseases, Information and Evidence for Decision-Making, HIV prevention, and Maternal and Child Health teams. She helped develop the very first Infectious Diseases strategy and was a founding member of the Global Health Strategies team (now Family Health).

Beth received her MPH from the University of Washington's International Health Program in 2001; her areas of focus included maternal and child health program implementation, socioeconomic inequalities and health, and program evaluation. Beth was a passionate advocate for maternal health and immigrant rights and she set a high standard as an effective program officer and an excellent team player. In addition to her work at the foundation, Beth was involved with Northwest Immigrant Rights Project from 1995-2008, serving on the Board and the organization's Development Committee. Beth passed away on June 24, 2009, after a fierce battle with brain cancer. Her spirit of unselfish commitment to the challenges of global health will stay with us for many years to come.